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B. Offenses Regarding Licensing and Registration

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A license to operate a motor vehicle is not a right but a privilege subject to reasonable regulations,¹ and that privilege may be revoked or suspended for cause.² A violation of any of the various regulations relating to drivers' and chauffeurs' licenses is generally made a criminal offense by statute. For example, the making of false statements in an application for such a license,³ the possession of a license bearing a false name, address, and date of birth,⁴ the driving of a motor vehicle without being licensed,⁵ the failure to display a driver's license upon a proper demand therefor,⁶ and driving during a period when one's license is suspended or revoked⁷ are usually regarded as criminal offenses.

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Footnotes

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- 3 Halko v. State, 58 Del. 383, 209 A.2d 895 (1965); Ogilvie v. State, 711 S.W.2d 365 (Tex. App. Dallas 1986),
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